



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Departments of Minneapolis Fire Department and Procurement**

Date: June 23rd, 2010
To: Honorable Don Samuels, Chair Public Safety & Health Services Committee
Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means Committee
Subject: **Approval of Official Publication No. 7285 Bids for Breathing Air Compressors and Fill Stations**

Recommendation:

Acceptance of the low bid of Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$112,450.12 to furnish and deliver air compressors, fill stations and related items, as follows:

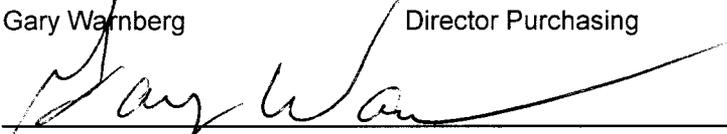
2 systems	Breathing Air Compressors, Fill Stations and related items	per system	\$55,072.26
1 each	High Pressure hose reel	per each	\$ 2,305.60

The apparent low bidder Fire Safety USA does not comply with the specifications, see attached memo from the department.

Terms are net-30 days with delivery as per specifications. F.O.B.: Destination

This has been approved by the Civil Rights Department.

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Approved by: Alex Jackson Fire Chief



Presenters: John Fruetel Assistant Fire Chief

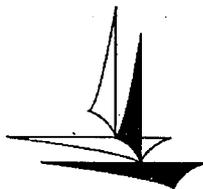
<p>Financial Impact (Check those that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires use of contingency or reserves</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other financial impact (Explain): Action is within Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator</p>

Background/Supporting Information:

Tabulation of three (3) bids received on Official Publication No. 7285 for Breathing Air Compressors and Fill Stations

Attachments - Staff Memo
 Tabulation Sheet

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On April 22, 2010 the Minneapolis Fire Department evaluated the bids for the self contained breathing apparatus air compressor system. The department rated the bids based on meeting the specifications for the air compressors.

Conclusion

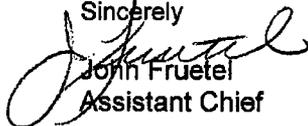
We presently have a Scott Hush Air compressor. Minneapolis Fire Department had specified a Scott Hush Air compressor as to standardize the compressors. This allows us to cut maintenance cost & allowing us to stock parts and purification filters for one type of compressor. Training is also standardized as all of our compressors would be standardized.

Fire Safety USA submitted a bid on an Eagle Talon Compressor which uses a different purification filtration system, and an aluminum block compressor verses the specified cast iron block. The Eagle Talon compressor did not meet the maximum rpm performance requirement of 915 RPM.

Minneapolis Fire Department did receive two responsible bids for the Scott Hush Air Compressor that met the specifications. Low bid was from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) and the next responsible bidder was Clareys's Safety Equipment, Inc. that met our specifications.

If you have any additional questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely


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Assistant Chief



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